

1. I oppose Bill 3 (2017), CD1 for several reasons. 2017 FEB 22 AM 6:55

2. The rail system is not a "locally preferred alternative". Every use of that term should be removed. Expansion of roads and throughput features (underpasses/flyovers) are the most desired improvements. For mass transportation systems, enhanced bus service is cost effective, sustainable, and desirable. We wouldn't have so much waste if we stayed with those two improvements (roads and bus service). The groups who favor rail are those constructing it, managing it, politicians who see the opportunity for a larger tax base in a smaller land area, and developers who are more than happy to build the transit oriented development (TOD) urban ghettos of the future.

3. The build-out to Ala Moana is not "minimum operable segment." The residents of Oahu, including architects, have provided alternatives that end the rail before Ala Moana. Do not be held hostage by the federal government. Please delete each reference to the "minimum operable segment" or clearly define where that minimum segment is located and why it is the minimum.

4. This project has been mismanaged from the beginning. Changing the financial reports from quarterly (crossed out paragraphs) to annual reporting will only exacerbate the problem. Those managing the project need to be held accountable minimally quarterly, if not monthly. The runaway cost of this project is disgraceful. Reinstitute quarterly reporting or change it to monthly.

5. There should be no funds expended on an expansion of this rail system. If given the chance to vote again, most residents would vote against it. Do not spend any funds on a plan to expand the project. The rail is a money pit and TOD will destroy the beauty and culture of our state.

6. Capital costs include "debt service" according to the bill. Debt is wasted taxpayer funds. We don't get anything tangible from debt service. It is normally a result of mismanagement. There should be a separate category for debt service so residents can determine where our hard earned taxes are being spent.

7. With the increase in multi-million dollar condos, the tax base must have greatly expanded. The City and County of Honolulu should be able to adhere to a budget within current receipts and not require this tax increase.

8. If the tax were extended and the limit removed, I would not approve the restriction of payment of operating expenses nor the prohibition of repair of roads, highways, bike paths, or current transport systems from that funding source. Your constituents prefer those modes (roads and buses) of travel and would want them funded first.

9. The original projected cost tripled and there is no firm estimate for the final build-out cost. Do not pass Bill 3.

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